GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:502
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2005
SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested on charges of smuggling through different routes during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount of gold,diamond,narcotics etc. recovered from them and the number of convictions during the above period;

(c) whether the Government is aware of large amount of smuggling of narcotics including through the channel of foreign post offices;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to enact stringent laws to deal with smuggling cases of all varieties;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) &(b) The details are furnished at Annexure "A"(Proforma-I)

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The details are furnished at Annexure "A" (Proforma-II)

(e) To deal with smuggling cases, stringent provisions exist in the Customs Act, 1962, NDPS Act 1985, PITNDPS Act, 1985 etc.

(f) The question does not arise, in view of the reply to (e) above.